THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE GODA RAGHURAM

W.P.No. 4601 of 2007

08-03-2007

Between:-

Gajwada Raghavulu

Petitioner

And

The Joint Collector,
Medak district at Sangareddy and another.

Respondents

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Oral order:

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Pleader for Civil Supplies.

The petitioner asserts that on 17-02-2007 the Civil Supplies Enforcement Wing of Siddipet, Medak district visited the Central Warehousing Godown at Siddipet town and seized stocks of Green Gram; Red Gram and Black Gram. The petitioner asserts that these scheduled commodities, governed by the provisions of the Andhra Pradesh Scheduled Commodities (Licensing and Distribution) Order, 1982 (for short 'the Control Order'), which is in force, are the products of tillage of his agricultural land, some of which are owned by him and

some others taken on lease; and that he is not a trader/dealer and therefore is not obligated to obtain license under the provisions of the 'Control Order'. On 26-02-2007 he submitted an application to the first respondent for interim release of the seized stocks. He is aggrieved that the said application has not yet been disposed of. Though a panchanama has been recorded on 20-02-2007, the petitioner has no information as to the initiation of a case against him under Section 6-A of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 (for short 'the Act'). His application for release of the seized stocks however is pending.

In the circumstances, the writ petition is disposed of, directing the first respondent, expeditiously and in any event within a period of thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, to consider and pass an appropriate order on the petitioner's application dated 26-02-2007, seeking release of the seized commodities. Nothing in this order shall be construed as an expression by this Court on the merits of the petitioner's application. No costs.

GODA RAGHURAM, J

Dated:08-03-2007
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